

REPORT

...OF THE...

KENTUCKY INSTITUTION

...FOR THE...

EDUCATION OF THE BLIND

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

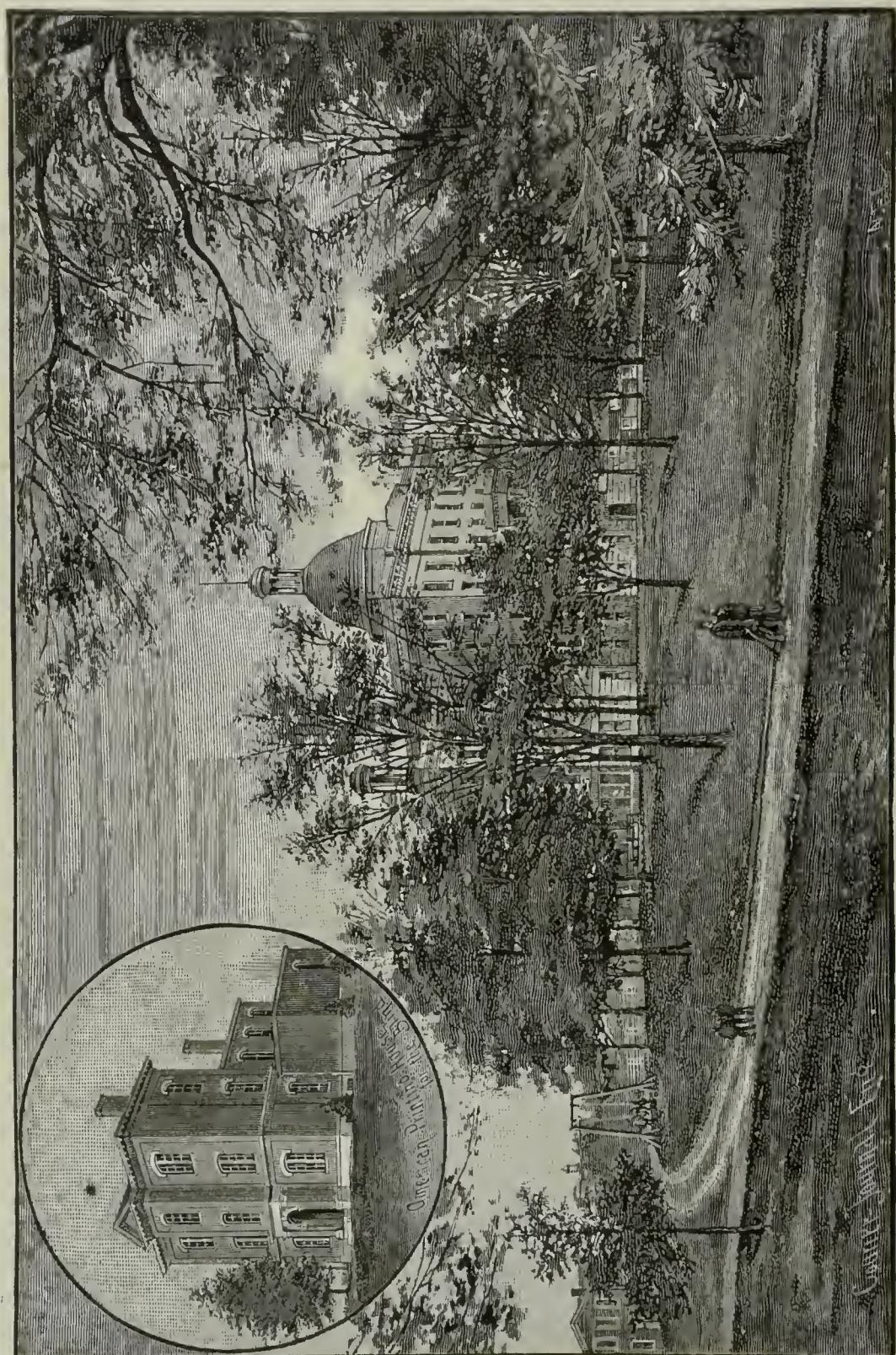
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LOUISVILLE, Ky., November 10, 1898.

To His Excellency, WILLIAM O. BRADLEY,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Honored Sir: The accompanying report has been read and approved and formally adopted by the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, as their regular report to you and to the General Assembly.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, it is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Visitors.

ANDREW COWAN,
President.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
OF THE
KENTUCKY INSTITUTION
FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Board of Visitors.

Andrew Cowan, President.

<i>Chas. T. Ballard,</i>	<i>Rev. A. Moses, D. D.</i>
<i>Dr. Wm. Cheatham,</i>	<i>M. Muldoon,</i>
<i>James A. Leech,</i>	<i>Logan C. Murray,</i>
<i>Dr. L. McMurtry,</i>	<i>Hon. A. E. Willson.</i>

Treasurer.

Wm. S. Parker.

Physician.

Wm. Bailey, M. D.

Secretary and Superintendent.

B. B. Huntoon, A. M.

Matron.

Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon.

Teachers.

<i>Miss Josephine Sloan,</i>	<i>Miss Lucy D. Scoggan.</i>
<i>Miss Louise Sloan,</i>	<i>Miss Susan B. Merwin.</i>

Teachers of Music.

<i>Charles Frederick,</i>	<i>Julia Purnell.</i>
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Teacher of Handicraft.

Louis Metz.

Teacher of Piano Tuning.

Clifford Martin.

Seamstress.

Mrs. Agnes Tumbrink.

Visitors' Attendants.

<i>Nancy Brooks,</i>	<i>Mary Ferguson.</i>
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Regular Annual Report of the Board of Visitors
OF THE
KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION
OF THE BLIND.

To His Excellency, WILLIAM O. BRADLEY,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Sir: The number of pupils under our charge during the past year, in the White Department, was (112) one hundred and twelve, and in the Colored Department (24) twenty-four, making in all (136) one hundred and thirty-six.

The names of those in the White Department, and their residences, are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Nancy Abner	Lee county.
Wm. F. Ackerly	Louisville.
J. Edward Allen	Meade county.
Albert Baird	Whitley county.
Irene Baldwin	East Bernstadt.
Edward Barbee	Louisville.
Altie Beatty	Hancock county.
Maud Beatty	Hancock county.
Oma May Blankenbaker	Louisville.
Annabel Briggance	Hickman.
James Boggs	McWhorter.
Levi Boggs	McWhorter.
Amy Chenoweth	Livingston county.
Cora Lee Cook	Louisville.
Jessie E. Cook	Louisville.
Chester Crawford	Laurel county.
Georgia Lilian Daily	Louisville.
Murray Daniels	Beaver Dam.
Pelham Degman	Lewis county.
Adam Decker	Louisville.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Effie Etheridge	Dawson.
Winston Ewing	Smith's Grove.
Ada Farris	Salem.
Mary Ferguson	Mt. Vernon.
Alice Fitzgerald	Muhlenberg county.
Katy Fitzner	Louisville.
Fred Finzer	Louisville.
Gertrude Floyd	Trimble.
William Fry	Louisville.
Hattie Gish	Mt. Sterling.
Austina Gleason	Louisville.
Calvin S. Glover	Louisville.
Catherine Glynn	Paducah.
Corley G. Goodwin	Richelieu.
Robt. E. Lee Goodwin	Richelieu.
Oscar Gortney	Tyrone.
Emmerine Gott	Grayson county.
Leslie Hackett	Louisville.
George W. Hamilton	Bewleyville.
Emma Hamlet	Middlesboro.
Edward Hanner	Greenup county.
Josephine Hardy	Vine Grove.
Caroline Hartmetz	Louisville.
Julia Hewitt	Louisville.
Emily Hofer	Louisville.
Wallace Holt	Adair county.
Whitney Hunt	Louisville.
Chester Hutchinson	Louisville.
Harry James	Louisville.
Wilmore Kendall	Morgan county.
Maggie Kistner	Louisville.
Mitchell Lindsey	Grayson county.
Louis McIntyre	Fredericktown.
Elva J. Madison	Grayson county.
Eunice Madison	Grayson county.
Mary Ellen Mahar	Louisville.
Robert Major	Cadiz.
Ellen A. Mann	Louisville.
Maxie Mays	Louisville.
Joseph Metzmeier	Louisville.
Cora Minton	Bee Spring.
Effie Minton	Bee Spring.
Bessy Mitchell	Covington.
Flora Moore	Williamsburg.
Hilda Moore	Louisville.
Mary F. Moore	Webster county.
Richard Morris	Rutland.
Laura Belle Neuman	Owensboro.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Joseph O'Neal	Louisville.
Anna Orr	Louisville.
Amy Osborn	Murray.
Gordon Perkins	Grand Rivers.
Hally Philips	Henderson.
Richard Piatt	Maysville.
Eugene Pile	Clinton.
Ellen Pointer	Conway.
Albert C. Raible	Louisville.
Mary E. Rainy	Clark county.
Nanny Rainy	Clark county.
Gertrude Rankin	Crittenden county.
Nora Reidy	Louisville.
Lena Richardson	Paducah.
Elizabeth Riggs	Louisville.
Elma Robbert	Louisville.
George Robinson	Woodsonville.
Alex Robins	Conkling.
Joseph Robins	Conkling.
Elizabeth Simpson	Gray.
William Simpson	Gray.
Betty Simpson	Gray.
Herman Spiesberger	Louisville.
Henry Stagner	Warren county.
John Stagner	Warren county.
Carrie E. Stiles	Nelson county.
Frank Sullivan	Paducah.
Albert Sweazy	Rochester.
John Talbert	Covington.
Ira Tharp	Horse Cave.
Carrie May Thompson	Lancaster.
S. J. Emmet Tompkins	Louisville.
Ethel Tresenriter	Greenville.
Ella Trumbo	Morehead.
Mahala Turner	Boyd county.
Thos. Truitt	Weston.
Irene Vettinger	Louisville.
William Vosmer	Covington.
Arthur Walker	Kelly.
Roy Webb	Mayfield.
Bridget Welch	Louisville.
Estelle Wells	Zion.
Palestine White	Brownsboro.
James E. Williamson	Henderson.
Burton W. Wingate	Madison county.
Walter Wintersmith	Louisville.

The names and residences of those in the Colored Department are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Nellie Bullitt	Russellville.
Effie Carter	Owensboro.
Jessie Carter	Owensboro.
Bertha Cheatham	Frankfort.
Jesse Clark	Elizabethtown.
Ella Covington	Paducah.
Arthur Crabtree	Owensboro.
Samuel Davis	Louisville.
Otis Edes	Calhoun.
Virgie Fleming	Henderson.
Jesse Gillespie	Central City.
Theodore Golden	Lexington.
Alberta Johnson	Owensboro.
Melissa Jones	Kuttawa.
George Macauley	Lawrenceburg.
Allen McRoberts	Lincoln county.
Birdie Ray	Henderson.
Jacob Robinson	Dixon.
Anna Smith	Kuttawa.
Lucy Scott	Louisville.
Lizzie Tate	Owensboro.
Ida Taylor	Louisville.
Kate Wheeler	Nicholasville.
Cleana White	Greensburg.

The following named persons have been regularly employed:

A superintendent, B. B. Huntoon, with a salary of \$125 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon, with a salary of \$41.66 a month.

A teacher, Miss Josephine Sloan, with a salary of \$50 a month.

A teacher, Miss Louise Sloan, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A teacher, Miss Julia Purnell, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher, Miss Susan B. Merwin, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A teacher of sewing, Mrs. Agnes Tumbrink, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of handicraft, Louis Metz, with a salary of \$25 a month.

A teacher of music, Charles Frederick, with a salary of \$100 a month.

A teacher of piano tuning, Clifford Martin, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A kindergarten teacher, Miss Lucy D. Scoggan, with a salary of \$40 a month.

Boys' governess, Nancy Brooks, with a salary of \$15 a month.

Girls' governess, Mary Ferguson, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A gardiner and engineer, Thomas Lucas, with a salary of \$60 a month.

A fireman and assistant gardener, Herman Breitfeldt, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A man for indoor work, John Owens, with a salary of \$35 a month.

A cook, Annie Rooney, with a salary of \$20 a month.

An assistant cook, Fanny Taylor, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A laundress, Mary Curry, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A laundress, Molly Curry, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Mary Barret, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Annie Kelley, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Maggie Minogue, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Annie Rooney, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Mary Clair, with a salary of \$15 a month.

In the Colored Department:

A matron, Miss Fanny Wood, with a salary of \$35 a month.

A teacher, Miss Octavia Wood, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A house-girl, Ella Williams, with wages of \$15 a month.

A cook, Mrs. Margaret Wood, with wages of \$25 a month.

A house man, Edw. Wood, with wages of \$25 a month.

The publishers of the "Musical Record," the "Christian Standard," the "Kentucky Standard," "The Index," the "Goodson Gazette," the "Kentucky Journal," and the "West Virginia Tablet," have furnished copies of their periodicals regularly and gratuitously to the school and the pupils have listened to their contents with pleasure and profit.

The report of the treasurer shows that the receipts and expenditures of the institution have been as follows:

Balance on hand November 1, 1897	\$19,666 49
January 6, 1898, by per capita and quarterly allowance for Colored Department	4,725 92
March 10, 1898, annual allowance for White Department	10,000 00
July 11, 1898, by per capita and quarterly allowance for Colored Department	4,714 70
August 20, 1898, by per capita and quarterly allowance for Colored Department	4,661 62
October 21, 1898, by per capita and quarterly allowance for Colored Department	4,201 62
Miscellaneous receipts	140 33
By Cash returned from the Building Committee	1 12
 Total receipts	\$48,111 80
Total expenditures, as by vouchers filed with the Auditor	45,993 64
 Balance on hand November 1, 1898	\$2,118 16

The board would report that the additions to the Institution, which were undertaken during the year, after due consultation with the Governor, have been completed, in accordance with the plans and purposes set forth in their report for the previous year.

The board appointed from their number a Building Committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Ballard, Leech, Moses, Murray and Willson, who secured the services of D. X. Murphy & Bro., architects, under whose careful and constant supervision the work has been thoroughly constructed and finished, ready for use at the beginning of the present school session.

The work was all done under contract and was awarded by the committee to the lowest and best bidders, the amount paid them, respectively, being as follows:

Excavation, Henry Bickel	\$ 230 00
Stone Foundations, John Knecht & Co.	1,090 00
Brickwork, Sanford Vaughn	4,970 00
Carpenters' and Joiners' Work, John Greiner & Bro.	4,855 15
Cut-stone Work, Joseph H. Peter	734 95
Cast and Wrought Iron Work, The Snead-VanAlstine-Meldrum Co....	518 00
Roofing, J. F. Wagner	665 00
Plastering, Wm. P. Bannon	764 90
Painting and Glazing, J. L. Strassel	600 70
Plumbing, Gas Piping and Drainage, John B. Stickler & Son	2,458 90
Artificial Stone Work, Falls City Artificial Stone Co.	487 00
Steam Heating, Fred. A. Clegg & Co.	1,847 00
 \$19,221 60	

Amount forward	\$19,221 60
Architects' Commission	961 08
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	\$20,182 68
Returned to Treasurer	1 12
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	\$20,183 80

To meet expenses as the work progressed, the board appropriated to the Building Committee:

December 7, 1897, in cash	\$ 3,000 00
December 7, 1897, in warrants	9,140 30
April 28, 1898, in cash	6,000 00
October 14, 1898, in cash	608 77
October 24, 1898	961 08
By interest on warrants	473 65
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Total receipts	\$20,183 80

By these additions so satisfactorily completed, the crowded condition of the school has been relieved, and its entire efficiency has been largely improved. Hospital rooms have been provided, where cases of contagious diseases may be isolated; additional sleeping rooms for the little children have been secured; piano practice rooms, remote from the class-rooms, have been gained; the entire water-closet system has been renewed, according to the best sanitary improvements known, and removed to the remotest corners of the building, where they are separated from the rest of the building by a vestibule with communication with the open air; additional bath-rooms have been added; and new exits from the bedrooms secured, so as largely to reduce the danger incident to an alarm of fire.

The additional space gained has enabled us to provide separate study-rooms for the older pupils, and separate play-rooms for the little ones, so that, in brief, the institution has never been so well as now prepared for carrying on its special work of educating the blind children of the Commonwealth.

The outlay has been large, but it has all been expended for the comfort, convenience and safety of the pupils; considerations that are of the utmost importance, and to which your Board of Visitors, as in duty bound, have given their earnest attention.

It is their desire to secure for the blind children of the Commonwealth, whose educational interests have been placed in their hands, the best possible opportunities for their training and development. Their purpose is to maintain a school for the blind that shall rank among the first in our land. For this they feel that they were appointed, and in doing this they feel sure of meeting the approbation of every intelligent person in the State.

It gives your board pleasure to say that from their regular and personal observation, they have found the school buildings models of sanitary neatness; the officers and teachers devoted, able and conscientious; the servants faithful to the performance of their many duties; the pupils happy, well cared for and progressing in the attainment of an education, without which they would be condemned to the double darkness of ignorance and blindness; and a spirit of industry, harmony, and loyalty pervading all, which is in itself an essential element of progress.

For these reasons they commend the school to your excellency, and to the General Assembly, and to the people of Kentucky as worthily fulfilling the aims of those noble statesmen and philanthropists who provided it fifty-seven years ago, and to whose wisdom it must remain as a lasting monument.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Board of Visitors.

ANDREW COWAN,
President.

**Report of the Committee of Building and
Supplies.**

To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind:

Gentlemen: Your committee would respectfully report that during the past year they have supervised, as usual, the purchase of supplies for the institution in all its departments, and have regularly transmitted a monthly statement of their accounts to the Governor of the Commonwealth. A summary of these statements is herewith appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. T. BALLARD, *Chairman,*

A. MOSES,

LOGAN C. MURRAY.

KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1898.

	October, 1897.	November, 1897.	December, 1897.	January, 1898.	February, 1898.	March, 1898.	April, 1898.
Pay Roll, {							
Salaries	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65
Wages	260 00	272 50	273 25	314 50	279 50	272 50	278 50
Dry goods and clothing	39 55	301 09	22 60	30 10	174 58	23 30	38 70
Groceries	351 06	390 68	237 27	394 59	309 67	336 68	309 52
Breadstuffs	71 48	66 14	62 34	59 76	60 61	66 28	63 00
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	100 75	116 07	165 38	140 65	110 50	112 60	121 00
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	65 90	63 03	69 32	58 98	57 31	63 73	62 68
Spirituous liquors .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Drugs, medicines, and professional services.	3 88	12 24	138 11	.....	4 72	11 40	.....
Confectionaries .....	.....	.....	25 13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fuel and lights	34 32	47 71	76 66	47 84	42 41	27 69	24 31
Amusements	23 60	13 25	.....	.....	.....	5 50	5 50
Buildings and repairs	310 66	12,238 69	15 92	39 36	31 99	6,038 79	57 50
Household and kitchen furniture	185 80	10 65	64 92	49 74	27 50	11 40	70
Laundry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden	25 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses on live stock	10 20	1 25	6 00	.....	4 20	7 75	.....
Labor not included in pay roll	4 00	15 25	4 00	25 90	28 50	36 10	4 00
Books and stationery	6 76	18 32	.....	18 70	2 38	26 44	9 08
Postage and traveling expenses	14 28	36 36	16 59	25 40	15 34	13 85	14 67
Materials for workshop	24 63	15 85	2 09	2 57	.....	.....	.....
Tuning and repairing musical instruments .....	.....	6 64	86	3 85	.....	7 00	.....
Water rent	36 81	25 16	16 96	15 26	18 31	18 88	19 68
Funeral expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Insurance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$2,161 19	\$14,242 53	\$1,789 05	\$1,838 85	\$1,765 17	\$7,666 04	\$1,600 49

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1898.—Continued.

	May, 1898.	June, 1898.	July, 1898.	August, 1898.	September, 1898.	Total.
Pay Roll, {						
Salaries	\$986 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$591 65	\$6,309 80
Wages	287 50	302 50	287 50	317 50	330 00	3,475 75
Dry goods and clothing	47 13	7 06	46 43	328 30	27 60	1,040 01
Groceries	259 00	167 30	143 25	296 53	3,241 98	
Breadstuffs	68 44	16 56	26 55	32 64	567 25	
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	117 05	61 05	20 21	49 30	83 80	1,204 70
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	64 38	43 25	36 63	52 33	657 75	
Spirituos liquors	7 90	23 00	23 00	32 55	6 00	
Drugs, medicines, and professional services	41 49	526 27	5 85	25 70	233 80	
Confectioneries	39 70	138 69	296 06	9 58	50 83	
Fuel and lights	32 20	.....	.....	27 98	912 11	
Amusements	17 08	6 10	.....	.....	42 35	
Buildings and repairs	2 50	.....	.....	.....	21,152 46	
Household and kitchen furniture	67 50	214 25	178 12	130 31	1,236 91	
Laundry	16 26	1 35	35 25	266 22	587 78	
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden	365 52	129 99	6 00	176 70	49 04	
Expenses on live stock	5 35	6 52	25 00	17 50	50 75	
Labor not included in pay roll	44 52	23 85	23 20	14 46	820 22	
Books and stationery	36 39	29 49	23 20	14 46	171 28	
Postage and traveling expenses	446 25	.....	9 50	.....	686 53	
Materials for workshop . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	131 78	
Tuning and repairing musical instruments . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 72	
Water rent . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	293 27	
Funeral expenses . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	455 75	
Insurance . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$2,506 56	\$2,340 13	\$1,156 32	\$1,780 88	\$4,029 83	\$42,877 04

COLORED DEPARTMENT. KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1898.

	October, 1897.	November, 1897.	December, 1897.	January, 1898.	February, 1898.	March, 1898.	April, 1898.
Pay Roll, { Wages ...	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00
Salaries ..	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00
Dry goods and clothing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Groceries	65 11	42 49	66 35	24 80	57 68	58 63	77 19
Breadstuffs	17 08	18 22	15 15	13 36	13 73	15 21	15 78
Meats, fowls, fish, and game ..	34 96	33 20	34 16	36 26	32 64	35 72	35 76
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice ..	21 35	21 47	21 05	20 73	19 64	22 30	21 43
Spiritous liquors .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drugs, medicines, and professional services .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Confectioneries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fuel and lights .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amusements .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buildings and repairs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Household and kitchen furniture .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laundry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses on live stock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Labor not included in pay roll .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books and stationery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Postage and traveling expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Materials for workshop .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuning and repairing musical instruments .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water rent .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Funeral expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Insurance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$258 50	\$235 38	\$291 91	\$215 15	\$243 69	\$251 86	\$270 16

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1898.—Continued.

	May, 1898.	June, 1898.	July, 1898.	August, 1898.	September, 1898.	Total.
Pay Roll, { Salaries ..	\$65.00	\$65.00	65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$780.00
Wages ..	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	660.00
Dry goods and clothing ..						84.71
Groceries ..						543.15
Breadstuffs ..	49.67	23.02	12.08	17.17	48.96	
Meats, fowls, fish, and game ..	17.56	3.59	..	..	6.39	136.07
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice ..	36.26	20.98	18.62	18.20	29.00	365.76
Spirituous liquors ..	21.50	16.63	15.42	15.27	16.75	233.54
Drugs, medicines, and professional services ..						19.00
Confectioneries ..						197.42
Fuel and lights ..						26.25
Amusements ..						26.25
Buildings and repairs ..						..
Household and kitchen furniture ..						..
Laundry ..						..
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden ..						..
Expenses on live stock ..						..
Labor not included in pay roll ..						..
Books and stationery ..						..
Postage and traveling expenses ..						..
Materials for workshop ..						..
Tuning and repairing musical instruments ..						..
Water rent ..						70.40
Funeral expenses ..						..
Insurance ..						..
Total ..	\$244.99	\$520.55	\$66.12	\$196.89	\$221.10	\$3,116.30

Terms of Admission.

In respect to the forms to go through to secure the admission of a child to the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, it is only required that the child be of so defective vision as to be unable to get an education in the ordinary schools; that it be of good health and sound mind, and within the ages of six and eighteen; for it must be remembered that the institution is neither a hospital nor an asylum. If the child is destitute, the fact should be so certified by the county judge, and in that case clothing will be provided. No charge is made for board or tuition.

The school session begins on the second Wednesday of September, and closes on the second Wednesday of June. Pupils will be admitted at any time, but they are much benefitted by beginning promptly at the first of the session. The children all return to their homes in the summer.

If fuller information is desired, it may be had from the superintendent, or from any of the trustees, who will cheerfully correspond with any person wishing to place a blind child in the institution.

**The Following Questions Should be Answered
in Writing.**

What is the child's name?

When was the child born?

Where was the child born?

What is the name of the father?

What was the mother's maiden name

What was the cause of the child's blindness?

How long have its eyes been affected?

How much can the child see?

Are any of the child's kin blind, or have any of them trouble with their eyes?

If so, state who these are

Have the child's eyes ever been examined by an oculist?

If so, when?

What was the name of the oculist?

Has the child been vaccinated?..... Is the child of good health and sound mind?

What is the postoffice address of the child's parents or guardian?

Where and to whom may a telegraph message concerning the child be sent?

Who will care for the child during vacation?

COLORED DEPARTMENT.

